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Sir:

The following patents are submitted herewith under Rule 97(c)(2).

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It is noted that applicant has no translation of the German patent. Based upon the drawings, this reference is believed to be relevant to the present application because it shows a bone screw with a plug closure that appears to have a buttress thread, but the drawings are difficult to interpret.

The fee for submission of this Statement under Rule 97(c)(2), as called for in Rule 17(P) is \$180 and a check is enclosed to cover this fee.

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